

## NORTH SHORE CHURCH

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**From Pastor Lee's desk ...**

*“Teacher, I have kept all these things (commandments) from my youth up.” Mark 10:20*

We recently talked about the problem of biblical illiteracy all around us. I love divine appointments! This week, I used Craigslist to sell an item I didn't need anymore. During the course of the transaction, the conversation turned to something that made it easy to transition to sharing Jesus with this man. We visited in my driveway for about an hour. I shared part of my testimony, basic Bible verses like John 3:16, 14:6, Romans 3, 6, and 10, Ephesians 2:8-9, 1 John 5:11-13 and others. We had a great conversation and he was very open.

I gave him a Bible, a book, some tracts, and wrote down some Bible verse references I encouraged him to read. When I asked him about going to heaven, he said that he was a good person and that he tried to keep *“the Twelve Commandments.”* That's right ... twelve (12)! This is not a misprint. I think he was combining a Twelve Step Program with the Ten Commandments.

Pray for Frank who lives in League City ... I told him that we now have each other's e-mail address, and I will be in touch to follow up. God brings people like Frank our way in many situations ... and especially to our home. Be prayerful, be ready, be intentional about steering conversations toward God so you can talk to more people about Jesus! Divine appointments are all around us.

See you in church ... worshipping Jesus,

Pastor Lee

# ***Next Sunday Family Day Pot Luck February 12 following Worship Service***

It's that time for our first Family Day Pot Luck Meal Fellowship Day.

**For our Pot Luck meal on Sunday, prepare your favorite recipe and bring it with you!**

*Last name starts with A-M, bring a Main Dish*

*Last name starts with N-Z, bring a Dessert and Side Dish*

This is an important aspect of our church ... breaking bread together and fellowship. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know someone new and others you already know better.

Arrange your Sunday after church schedule to stay after for the meal. Bring your dish or go to Kroger and get something quickly (you won't be the first person to do that ... or the last!).

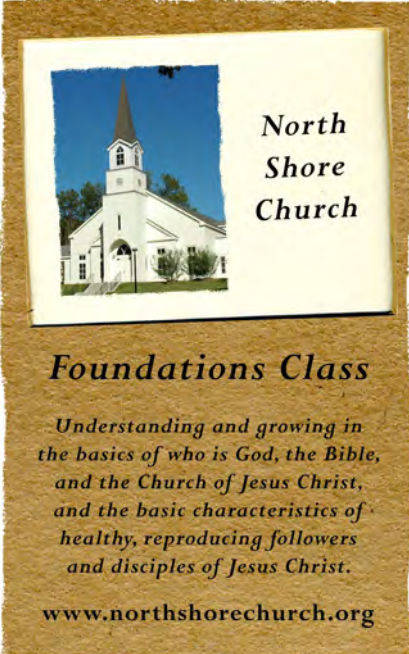
## ***Next Foundations Class! Sunday February 26, 2:00—5:00***

The response has been wonderful from those who have attended this class. This is something for every person desiring to be a part of the core and mission of North Shore Church.

Our focus is not on just learning some foundational or possibly new information, but on knowing the God we profess, letting the Bible live in us we embrace, being a part of the Church of Jesus we're participating in, and being a growing disciple of Jesus Christ so we can make disciples of others.

The topics covered are ...

- ❖ *God the Father, God the Son – Jesus Christ, and God the Holy Spirit*
- ❖ *The Bible*
- ❖ *The Church of Jesus Christ*
- ❖ *Being a Growing Reproducing Disciple of Jesus Christ.*



The poster features a photograph of a white church with a steeple on the left. To the right of the photo, the text reads "North Shore Church". Below the photo, the title "Foundations Class" is written in a bold, serif font. Underneath the title, a paragraph of text describes the class's focus: "Understanding and growing in the basics of who is God, the Bible, and the Church of Jesus Christ, and the basic characteristics of healthy, reproducing followers and disciples of Jesus Christ." At the bottom of the poster, the website address "www.northshorechurch.org" is provided.

# **North Shore Church Nursery**

## **Schedule and Needs**

In our attempt to serve the needs of children in our church and visiting guests, we are trying to staff and schedule the Nursery in such a way as to make it easy for anyone to serve and miss a minimal number of Worship Services or Sunday School. The children need you. Our special guests need you. Here is a simple explanation so you can understand what we are doing ... and see when you can join the team. You are needed in the Nursery and can play a vital important role in helping in this area!

The nursery is supplied with only 12 workers each year, who work in three teams of four. Each team takes a shift in two pairs that **alternate Sundays ministering to the children in the Sunday School hour one week and the church service the next week, for a period of six weeks at a time.** Then that team is off for 12 weeks while the other two teams take their shifts. They will serve three terms/year. This provides enough time to develop rapport with the children and their families, but flexibility to take part in worship every other week even when you're on duty so that you do not begin to feel isolated from the rest of the NSC fellowship. In all, you'll serve during 9 church services and 9 Sunday School hours per year in 3 rotations.

**Our nursery is currently in need of two more workers for 2012, and have less than two weeks to fill the Team B spot.** Please see the chart below and let Sherry Rushing know if you are able to help out. Currently we are blessed to care for Matt and Sarah Etter's two precious little boys and oftentimes NSC members' grandchildren and any other children the Lord brings into our fold.

We understand that it is quite rare that any of us are actually IN TOWN six whole weeks in a row, but we cover for each other, and we have a couple of permanent subs on our list.

**An added blessing** is that Sondra Willeford does all of the cutting, planning, and gathering of materials for SS, so all you have to do is familiarize yourself with the materials she has gathered for you. **THANK YOU, Sondra!**

The current schedule and teams for 2012 are:

Jan 1 – Feb 5	Team A	– Sondra Willeford/Becky Maxwell and Sherry/Kevin Rushing
Feb 12 – Mar 18	Team B	– Shannon/Sarah Parlin and Jan Eiland/ <u>????</u>
Mar 24 – Apr 29	Team C	– Kay/Sarah Schmitt and Jan Rushing/ <u>????</u>
May 6 – Jun 10	Team A	
Jun 17 – Jul 22	Team B	
Jul 29 – Sept 22	Team C	<i>Who will fill the team slots that are needed?</i>
Sept 9 – Oct 14	Team A	
Oct 21 – Nov 25	Team B	
Dec 2 – Jan. 6	Team C	

***A heart-felt "Thank you" to Steve and Gaye Watkins and George and Shannon Nanos for your faithful service in 2011.***

# **North Shore Schedule and Plan**

## **January 22—April 8**

This is an important and strategic time of reflection and refocusing for our church. Below is a basic outline of some of the planned schedule and topics for the next three months as we put piers in the foundation of our church. A sermons series is being delivered with other communication and events to help encourage us to focus on who we are as a church and seeking God's direction for solidifying and growing our church family.

**Weekly at 6:30 Now on Wednesday Nights—Church Prayer Meeting**

### **Sunday Worship Services at 10:00 AM**

**Sunday, January 22** — *Message on Prayer Leading up to a Day of Prayer*

**Friday night, 6:00 PM—9:00 PM and Saturday 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM, January 27-28**  
*This will be a special 24 hour period at the church for prayer and fasting*

**Sunday, January 29** — *Message on Prayer and Personal Testimonies*

**Sunday, Jan 29, 6:00 PM** *The Union Montgomery at Montgomery High School*

**Sunday, February 5** — *“Super Bowl Day” Vision for North Shore Church*  
***The Lord's Supper***

**Sunday, February 12** — *A Foundation for Commitment*  
***Family Day Pot Luck Supper (following church)***

**Sunday, February 19** — *The Great Commandment and the Great Commission*

**Sunday, February 26** — *A Great Commitment ... Commitment Sunday*

**Sunday, February 26** — **2:00—5:00, North Shore Foundations Class (see last page)**

**Sunday, March 4** — *Celebration to the Vision of North Shore Church*  
***The Lord's Supper***

**Wednesday, March 7** — *Annual Church Business Meeting*

**Month of March** ... developing and assigning leadership for the tasks of the Vision

**Sunday, April 1** — ***The Lord's Supper***

**Friday, April 6, 6:30 PM** — *Special Good Friday Service with the Passover / Last Supper Elements celebrating The Lord's Supper*

**Sunday, April 8, 6:30 AM** — *Easter Sunrise Service*

**Sunday, April 8** *Easter Worship Service (Probably TWO worship services!)*

*Disclaimer: These messages and plans are subject to change as we seek the Lord through them and walk with Him these three months.*

# ***This Sunday @ NSC – January 29, 2012***

## **Sunday's Sermon—NSC Vision Statement**

### **The Lord's Supper!**

What an incredible weekend of prayer last week and worship service on Sunday! During our prayer time on Wednesday night, we talked about how to follow this up. We don't have a date set yet, but we're going to have a time every month now where the church is open especially for prayer. By the way, you can come to the church anytime during Monday—Thursday and pray. We're going to look at one weekday morning slot and one weekend morning slot where the church will be open from early to Noon. Praise the Lord!

This Sunday, I am introducing our church Vision statement. It's simple, biblical, and all Encompassing. Concluding our worship time and receiving of the Word, we will celebrate and observe The Lord's Supper.

The Vision Statement for our church is also something that can be the vision statement for your personal life and your home.

*Invite a friend...neighbor...work associate...family member to church this Sunday!*

## ***From Pastor Matt Etter . . .***

### **Worship News—Wednesday Night Choir Practice at 5:30!**

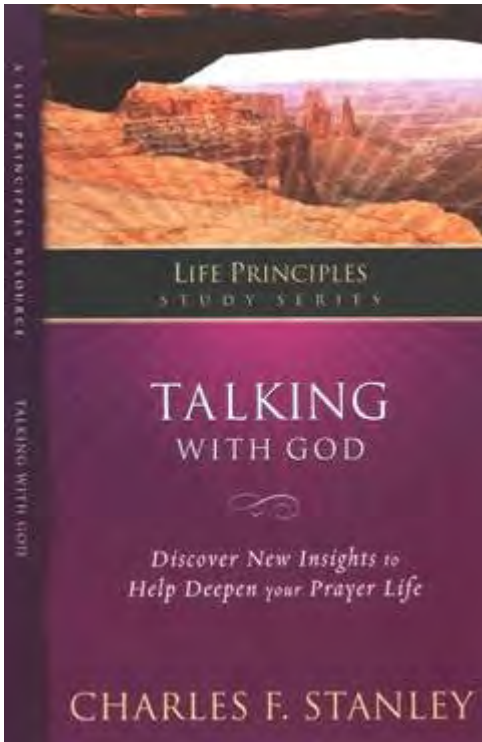
Join us on Wednesday nights at 5:30 for choir practice ... and then you can also stay for prayer meeting following.

Come and sing praise to our King Jesus! If you sing or just mouth the words, we want you to come be a part of the North Shore Worship Ministry. We will run through the songs for the following week and start to work on special music. If you have any questions about choir, I'm available to answer any questions and encourage you in any way.

### **Youth News:**

We meet at 6:30 on Wednesday nights at Ken and Donna Walker's house at 8 Bentwood Drive for Pizza and Refreshments and then for Bible study following.

Please invite and tell the teenagers you know!



# Ladies' Evening Bible Study

## *Talking with God*


*Discover New Insights to  
Help Your Prayer Life*

*By Dr. Charles Stanley*

Monday Nights

7:00pm at 209 Promenade East  
Call Patricia Cozby 936-449-4601

## Wednesday Ladies' Bible Study



***PRECEPT MINISTRIES BIBLE STUDY  
FREE FROM BONDAGE GOD'S WAY  
Studying Paul's Letter to the Ephesians***

***WEDNESDAYS, 10 A.M.  
Through FEBRUARY 22, 2012***

***Location: NORTH SHORE CHURCH***

***Contact: JANICE EDWARDS.....936-446-9773***

## ***Men's Bible Study***

***Tuesday mornings at 7:30 at the church***

The men are studying and discussing through John's First Letter. We're currently in Chapter 5.

Calling and inviting every man to wake up and arrange your schedule to meet with the men of the church, to study the Bible, to encourage one another and enjoy fellowship together.

## ***Online Donations available now***

When you're gone for whatever reason from North Shore Church, we now have the ability for you to give your tithes and offerings online. Thanks to Mike Maxwell for setting this up. If you have any questions, they should be answered on the website at the following link:

Go to [www.northshorechurch.org](http://www.northshorechurch.org)  
Click on "Donate"

All your questions should be answered with the easy to follow instructions.

## ***Pastor Lee's sermons online***

You can listen to the Sunday messages online now. Thanks again to Mike for enhancing this feature for all of us.

Go to [www.northshorechurch.org](http://www.northshorechurch.org)  
Click on "Audio Sermons"

If you have missed being at church on any Sunday this month, go to the church website and please listen to the sermon for that day. The messages for these days are so important for us as individuals and for the life of our entire congregation.

And please share the sermons with others you feel would be particularly blessed, encouraged, and challenged by the preached Word of God.